

ParaPro Assessment Education and Training Cluster

(High Skill, High Wage, High Demand = Education and Training)

Name and Description of Project:

The ParaPro Assessment measures the skills and knowledge in reading, writing, and math of prospective and practicing paraprofessionals. It also measures their ability to apply those skills and knowledge when assisting in classroom instruction. It was designed to satisfy the requirements of the federally legislated No Child Left Behind Act.

In order to obtain paraprofessional certification in Arkansas, individuals must meet one of the following three requirements:

- Completed 2 years of study at an institute of higher education; or
- Obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or
- ParaPro Assessment passing scores

This project will allow students who successfully complete the program and the assessment to enter the field upon graduation from high school. Fees for the assessment will be reimbursed when eligible students meet or exceed the Arkansas qualifying score.

Major Activities:

Complete application to become an Internet-based ParaPro Assessment site.

Register students who have completed the Education and Training program of study of the ParaPro Assessment.

Performance Indicator:

CTE Skill Attainment through certification

Measurement:

The success of this project will be measured by the number of students completing the Education and Training program of study who successfully meet or exceed the qualifying score for the State of Arkansas.

Professional Development:

Teachers will attend professional development provided by DWE to implement this project.

Instructional Materials/Supplies:

None required

Equipment:

Three computers for on-line para-pro assessments

About the ParaPro Assessment

What Is It?

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Who Takes It?

The test is for prospective and practicing paraprofessionals.

How Long Is It?

Test takers have 2½ hours to complete the test.

What Subjects Are on the Test?

Test subjects include reading, writing and math.

What Are the Questions Like?

The test has 90 multiple-choice questions, approximately two-thirds of which focus on basic skills and knowledge. The remaining one-third focus on applying skills in the classroom. All test questions are in English.

How Is the Test Given?

The test is given in paper- and Internet-based formats. Complete the [Internet-based ParaPro Assessment Application](#) to become an Internet-based test center.

Fees

Fee	
Test Fee	\$50
Extended registration	\$45
Test center or test date change	\$30
Scores by phone	\$30 per request
Score verification	\$40
Additional score reports	\$40 each

Fees are subject to change without notice. All fees are non-refundable.

Forms of Payment

Preferred:

- Credit or Debit card — American Express®, Discover®, JCB®, MasterCard® or VISA®
- Money order
- Bank check
- U.S. Postal Service money order